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SUBJECT: LATVIA SYMPATHETIC BUT NONCOMMITTAL TO USG POINTS
ON IOM DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION

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Classified By: Ambassador Catherine Todd Bailey for reason 1.4(d)

¶1. (C) PolEconOff delivered reftel points July 10 to Evita Cikute of the International Organizations and Human Rights Division at the MFA. Cikute stated that the GOL will take USG views into account when considering whom to support for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Director General (DG) position. She noted that, as the vote is not scheduled until June of 2008, the GOL does not yet have a firm position. However, she added that, since Latvia has ratified the IOM constitutional amendment limiting the DG's time in office to two terms, "it is logical that we might not support Mr. McKinley's bid for re-election to a third term." We will also pass reftel points to contacts at the Ministry of Interior, which has some interests in migration issues.

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